

FY2011 Appropriations Request Form

To: Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier
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From: Pacifica Historical Society
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Date Submitted: 2/12/10

Project Name:

ADA Compliance and Accessibility for the Pacifica History Museum and
Event Center (Little Brown Church building restoration)

Individual/Organization: *(Is the grantee located in the 12th Congressional District?)*

Yes, the Pacifica Historical Society (PHS) is in Pacifica, CA, within the 12th Congressional District, about 12-15 miles south of San Francisco and on the scenic San Mateo coast side. The PHS has taken the responsibility of restoration and repurposing of the historic Little Brown Church, a treasured Arts and Crafts building which, when restored, will become a regional history museum and a community event center for the public to enjoy. This is the largest current project for this not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Legally, the city of Pacifica actually owns this vacant building (which was the police station for 18 years), but the PHS saved it from demolition (through an election) and now leases it for \$1/year and takes care of the city historical landmark.

The PHS does not receive any funding from city, state bonds or any taxes. So with city approval and a great degree of grassroots commitment and fundraising, the PHS has begun the restoration of this historic building and its conversion into a history museum and event center. To date, we have raised around \$250,000 through financial and in-kind donations, and have put that spent roughly that same amount to work on the foundation, roofing, buttresses, windows, and much other projects (additional details are provided later).

The building is visible from Highway One as you drive through Pacifica, at the exit for the Pacifica Pier, City Hall, and the government buildings; this is known as the Sharp Park district, and is rich with Pacifica history.

We anticipate this museum center will be a great destination for people not only in this Pacifica, the Coastsides and this district, but also in the entire SF Bay Area, as well as tourists from California, the country, and even from international locations.

Amount Requested (*if requesting report language, please attach.*):

We respectfully request \$100,000 to build ADA compliant and otherwise accessible facilities for our members and all guests of the history museum, including throughout the event center and meeting rooms. This includes work with the parking lots, entrances, bathrooms, halls, stairways, signage, alarm systems, hearing assistive technology, and most significantly, a lift for this multi-story building. The facility is about 3,785 square feet, and will accommodate about 90 people. More detailed estimates for the specific breakout are found later in this document.

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status (*e.g., “Public Law 107-111”; “FY2008 DOD Authorization”, “Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee”, “Safe Drinking Water Act” or “Hatch Act”*) *Applicants uncertain as to how to answer this question should contact Cookab Hashemi at 202-225-3531 or via email, Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov for assistance:*

This project is primarily to bring this historical building into compliance with the ADA standards for Accessible Design, from the Code of Federal

Regulations; ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), 1994, with Amendments in 2008

Additionally, in general, the completed history museum (the larger project) will help primary and secondary schools reach the California State Standards of Education. The California standards are No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant. This will provide a resource for all schools (public, private, charter, home school, online) help their students reach the standards in Language Arts, Social Studies and Science.

Local Contacts (*Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact. Please provide local address, state, zip code and email address*):

Judy Barton
Grant Chair; 650-690-4513; judybarton@gmail.com

and/or

Erica Rigling
Vice President; 650-355-5677; EARPac@aol.com

Our organization's address (PLS. SEND MAIL HERE):

Pacifica Historical Society
555 Crespi Drive, N 117
Pacifica, CA 94044

The address for the historic site of the Little Brown Church, and FUTURE address of the museum center is (DO NOT SEND MAIL HERE):

Pacifica History Museum and Event Center
1850 Francisco Blvd.
Pacifica, CA 94044

Organization's Main Activities. (*Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, non-profit or private for-profit entity.*)

The Pacifica Historical Society (PHS) was started in 1976 and gained status as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization in 1989. The PHS has

about 200 members, with 25 active participants on the Little Brown Church Community Museum Committee.

Currently, our primary focus is to provide for the city of Pacifica a historical museum, a repository for historical artifacts, and a venue for educational research, meetings and events in the community by restoring a 100-year old vacant but historic building.

In addition to preserving The Little Brown Church building and converting it into a museum center, the PHS has another major restoration project – an original Ocean Shore Railroad Car. The PHS produces a television show on Pacifica's history, has a speakers' bureau, holds quarterly programs, and serves as a resource to the City of Pacifica regarding the region's history. Indeed, The Society coordinated many community events celebrating the year-long 50th anniversary of the Incorporation of the City of Pacifica.

The PHS is operated entirely by unpaid volunteers, with no support from state or local tax revenues. Income comes from membership, fundraising events, sales from our Local History Store, and from donations and grants.

The Society celebrates, preserves, and shares Pacifica's past, including old photographs, paintings, clippings, books, scrapbooks, audio and videotapes and any artifacts which reflect local history. Many of these items are currently stored in the Pacifica Community Center, as well as in commercial storage, and need more secure and suitable location for exhibition, research, archiving, cataloging, research and preservation.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form.
(Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.)

Please see the attached charts for the budget items on this specific sub-project (ADA COMPLIANCE) as well as the overall restoration project budget, in summary form. We would be glad to provide additional detail.

Please note that the final line item on the ADA compliance project list, the Hearing Assistive Technology, is not yet represented in our overall project.

This is due to the fact that we have not finalized the estimate. We know it will come in much higher than this. That market has recently undergone a major shift in FM access (Google just bought a key frequency - and some major systems will become obsolete). However, we know by the time that we get to this particular construction phase, we will know more about final costs (we estimate it could be up to be about double what we include in this proposal).

We are not receiving any federal, state, or local funds at this time. We have been implementing local fundraising campaigns for many years now, and have brought in about \$250,000 in donations and in-kind contributions.

Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds.

Please see the attached description of this specific restoration and museum project, as well as the chart of line items for this sub project (ADA compliance and accessibility).

This federal funding will be used for the ADA compliance and accessibility in this community building, which is owned by the city of Pacifica, CA and is being rented, restored and operated by the Pacifica Historical Society.

This is a deteriorating, historic building that must be brought up to code for accessibility before the public can have access again. It will be a museum and event center for the public, including classes of school children, seniors in wheelchairs, local history buffs, and international tourists. But we must make some enhancements and modifications to the building.

Please see the attached building plans that show the main floor. They will clarify the location of the wheelchair lift, exits, etc. We can provide additional blueprints if desired.

The lift will be designed to provide ready access to the three levels of the building: the ground floor of the rear section, the level of the main room of the original section of the building which is about 5 feet above the ground floor, and the upper level of the rear section which is about 9 feet above the ground level. The lift will be essentially free-standing but will be enclosed by a framed shaft for additional safety. The lift access will be from the south for the lower and upper levels and from the north for the mid-level;

this complicates the installation, but it is necessary due to the dimensional limits of the space to be served.

Regarding the fire suppression system, the building has no fire suppression system at this time. The City of Pacifica Building Department has indicated that a sprinkler system is required throughout. The system will consist of a network of water pipes independent from the regular plumbing system with sprinkler heads placed in such a way as to provide fire suppression capability throughout the building. The system will include a pressure gauge for monitoring the water pressure in the system, and high-decibel audible alarms in case any hearing-impaired visitors are in the building at the time of a fire.

With regards to the hearing assistive technology, please see the notes above.

We expect this public history museum and event center to be accessible to all visitors, and we anticipate many historians, local and international families, senior and other tour groups, as well as tourists from points near and far who will discover this history museum on the coast side.

How will this project request serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding? *(Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.)*

This funding will supplement the volunteer efforts of fund raising and donations by the members of the PHS and the community, and enables a more rapid completion of the museum and events building.

It will increase our organization's abilities to conduct research, protect historical artifacts, and create exhibits to safely share them with the public.

While it is important for all public buildings to be easily accessible at all times for the entire visitor experience, from entrance to exit, it is all the more important for a facility like this one.

Much of our audience will be groups of school children, tour groups, and seniors (about 25% of our membership are over 65). Additionally, the event center will at times have groups up to 90 guests (at weddings and other events), so it is imperative that this building be safe and accessible to all. It

needs to be restored and improved to be brought up to current codes, expectations, and sense of comfort, since at times there will be large groups of people and potentially a higher proportion of patrons with canes, wheelchairs, challenged vision, special needs, etc.

Regarding sustainability of funding, the Pacifica Historical Society has been conducting, for many years, various fundraising projects that include concerts, dances, doll shows, booths at Fog Fest, and our latest fund-raising series, the "castle tours" of the McCloskey castle (now known as Sam's Castle). We also have a gift shop that is currently virtual, but finds a temporary home at special events, and will find a permanent home in the museum. We collect membership dues, and we will encourage donations for naming rights to the restored building. We have a proven ability to sell our events and items, one cupcake or block of cheese at a time, and have impressed local historical societies and other non-profits with our current figure of \$250,000 in grassroots fundraising.

Can this proposal be funded via fees levied on users of the service or via the ordinary capital budgeting process of the organization?

Funding for this restoration project is currently done outside of the museum itself, since it is still being restored and built. Fundraising happens year-round through grassroots fundraisers (including local tours and shows), grants, personal and business donations, volunteer labor, purchases of our books and DVDS, and some donated materials.

When complete, fees may be charged for the museum attendance and in many cases for rental of the event center. We will also continue our sales of books, DVDs, t-shirts etc, and will be able to expand to the "gift shop" once the restoration is complete and the museum opens to the public.

What is the local significance of this project?

In addition to the salvage of a treasured 100-year old historical church building, this community needs a comprehensive historical museum and research facility.

Other than the museum in the Sanchez Adobe, which focuses on the Ohlone Mexican, and the Spanish history of the area, Pacificans do not have a local museum that showcases the many other facets of the coastside (including the

Ocean Shore Railroad, frontier life, farming, cattle ranches, WW II Nike missile site, surfing, etc.)

Pacifica needs a destination location, in an area that is working to build jobs. The restoration of this building will have major historical impact for this region, and will contribute to the revitalization of this community.

Additionally, Pacifica has a substantial need for a centrally located community event center that is an affordable location for memorable events.

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project? *(i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)*

All residents of San Mateo, San Francisco Counties and surrounding communities in the SF Bay Area, plus national and international tourists, will be welcomed to this museum and event center.

Please explain the federal interest in this proposal (i.e. meets a stated objective of federal policy, supports a federal agency, is the result of a federal law/mandate, etc.)

This will put us in compliance with the ADA standards for Accessible Design, from the Code of Federal Regulations; ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), 1994, with Amendments in 2008.

Note that there is also a significant portion of Pacifica that is part off the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), including Mori Point, Sweeney Ridge, Milgra Ridge, and soon to be Cattle Hill.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing. *(Please submit copies of support letters along with the request form.)*

See attached letter of endorsement.

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project? *(Federal, State, Local or private request pending?)*

We are continually seeking funding for the historical society as an organization of many projects - and for this building restoration project in particular.

We currently do not have any other full proposals submitted for this specific project (assistance in reaching ADA compliance in the Little Brown Church building- future museum/event center).

Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project?

(Please list any funds received [by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)

At the time of this writing, the PHS has not received any federal, state or city funds for this project.

Has the individual and/or organization submitted the project request to other Member offices? If so, please identify below the names of the Members of Congress and staff persons.

At the time of this writing, we have not submitted this specific project request to anyone else.

Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members from 2005 – 2010. (if any).

Attach lists.

Please attach any additional relevant materials.

See attachments.

PACIFICA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS
Pacifica, CA

2005

Karl Baldwin
Betty Jean Brown
Robert Crow
Richard Della Santina
Mary Dougherty
Shirley Drye
Betty Garner
Tabbitha Ingram (½ year)
Helen James
Katherine Kirkland
Kathleen Manning
John Meria
Katherine Meria
Dody Payne
Lorraine Regan

2006

Karl Baldwin
Betty Jean Brown
Robert Crow
Richard Della Santina
Mary Dougherty
Shirley Drye
Betty Garner
Helen James
Katherine Kirkland
Kathleen Manning
John Meria
Katherine Meria
Dody Payne
Lorraine Regan
Erika Rigling
Frank Winston

2007

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Mary Dougherty
Shirley Drye
Betty Garner
Helen James
Katherine Kirkland
Kathleen Manning
John Meria
Katherine Meria
Dody Payne
Lorraine Regan
Erika Rigling
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2008

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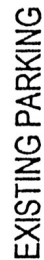
2009

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2010

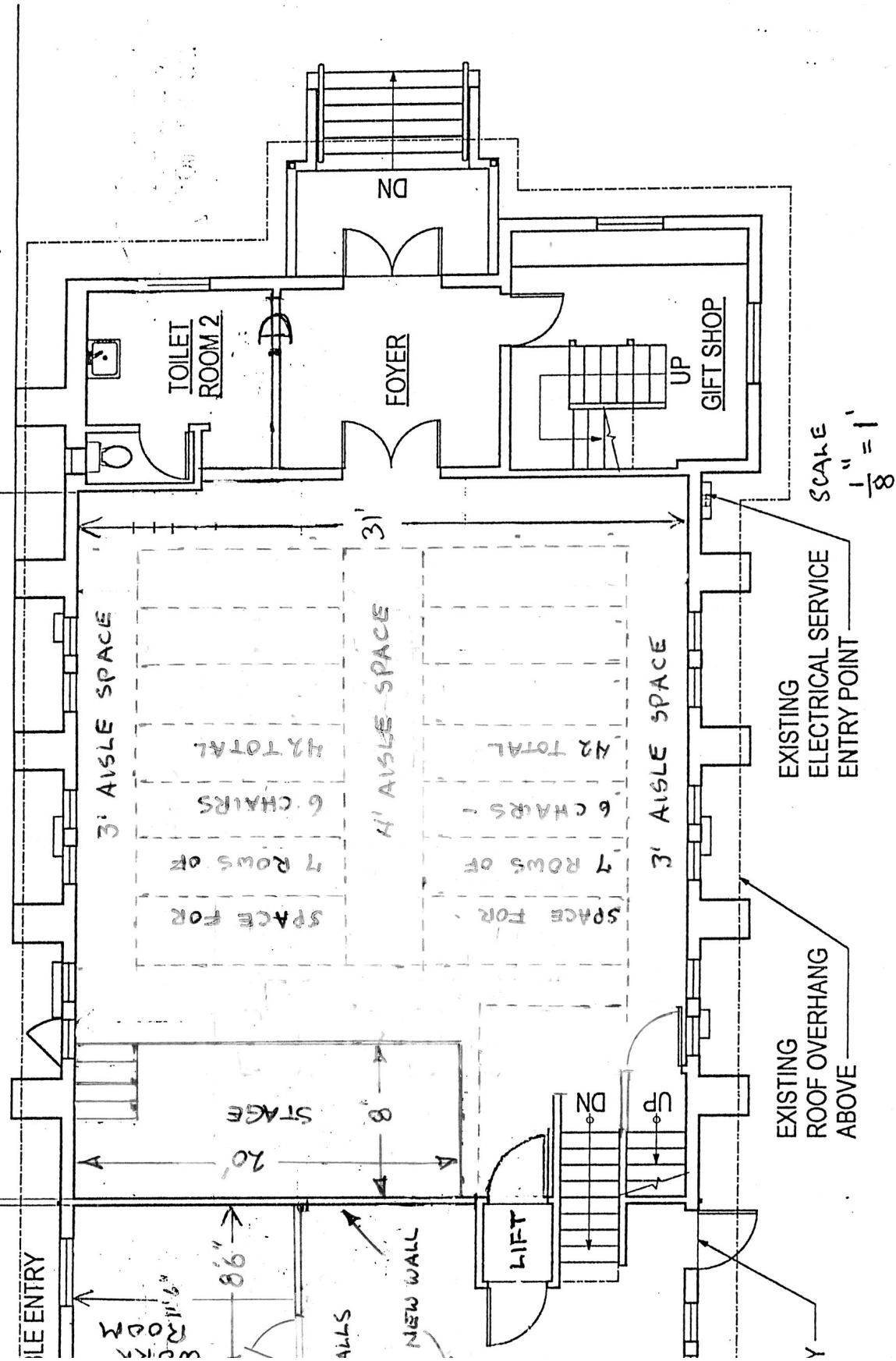
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tile cabinet
shelf unit



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February 9, 2010

Honorable Congresswoman Jackie Speier
211 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Attn: Cookab Hashemi

Re: Letter of Support for Appropriations Request

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

The Pacifica Historical Society is seeking a grant of \$100,000 from funds available through your office. The society is requesting these funds to build ADA compliant and otherwise accessible facilities for the Pacifica History Museum and Event Center that they are in the process of creating in the historic Little Brown Church building. This work will bring us in compliance with ADA requirements. (includes parking, entrances, bathrooms, halls, and most significantly, a lift for this multi-story building).

I heartily approve of and support the work of the Pacifica Historical Society to establish a local and coastside museum and event center and urge you to give a positive response to their request for funds. Our community has given overwhelming support in this project, both in terms of money and volunteerism, but Pacifica is not a wealthy community. Your support will lend validity to all the work that this Pacifica group of volunteers has done, are doing, and will do to preserve history of local, county, state and national significance.

I know of no other community that has as much and as varied a history as Pacifica. The history itself deserves this worthy historical building and site. Enabling it to be accessible to all is of utmost importance.

Thank you again for your continued services to all of us.

Sincerely,

Sue Digre
Mayor

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